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SUBJ: EARLY WARNING: KUWAIT UNIVERSITY MASTER PLAN

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED DR RIAD AL-NAQEEB, HEAD KUWAIT UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, LEAVING SOON FOR VISIT TO US. NAQEEB INTENDS VISIT OFFICES OF FOUR LARGE US CONSULTING FIRMS WHO, WITH SMALLER NUMBER NON-US FIRMS, BEING CONSIDERED FOR JOB AS INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT ON UNIVERSITY MASTER PLAN. PLAN INVOLVES \$30 MILLION CONSTRUCTION/ EXPANSION OVER TWENTY YEAR PERIOD. WE UNDERSTAND FROM WELL-PLACED UNIVERSITY SOURCE VERY GOOD CHANCE US CONSULTANT WILL BE CHOSEN. FYI NAQEEB US TRAINED AND APPARENTLY PREFERS US METHODS. END FYI.

2. FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE BY AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, I.E., ALTHOUGH THIS MAJOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT IT DOES NOT RPT NOT INVOLVE MINISTRY PUBLIC WORKS. NAQEEB'S OFFICE WANTS MOVE AHEAD FAST ON PROJECT AND HOPES SELECT CONSULTANT BY OCTOBER.

3. COMMENT: WE UNABLE LEARN IDENTITY US OR OTHER CONSULTING FIRMS BEING CONSIDERED BUT WE SHALL INFORM DEPT WHEN THIS INFO KNOWN. MEANWHILE, BELIEVE COMMERCE SHOULD CONSIDER PUBLICIZING PROJECT FOR BENEFIT EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS AND OTHER INTERESTED FIRMS. ALSO SUGGEST THIS INFO BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN WHO WILL TAKE PART IN EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION HERE LATER THIS YEAR.

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